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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 873
By Leatherwood

A RESOLUTION to commend Elizabeth Shelly for extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Shelly is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Tom Leatherwood and Representatives Bob McKee, Howard Kerr and Chris Newton; Elizabeth's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and their staffs; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly admired by her peers, Elizabeth has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and minoring in Russian Studies; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Elizabeth has surpassed all criteria with regard to what constitutes a conscientious and dedicated intern; she has ably split her time

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and duties as an intern among the offices of Senator Leatherwood, and Representatives McKee, Kerr, Newton, and their staffs: Liz Alvey and Beverly Stanton, respectively; and

WHEREAS, as a shining example of her exceptional leadership abilities, she managed to juggle the responsibilities of caring for her own cat Cleo and adopting her soon-to-be married office mate's cat, Sabu, while still fulfilling her daily duties with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this virtuous young lady could frequently be seen enjoying the '*weekly special*' at Banana Joe's with friends; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has found her stint on Capitol Hill to be an incredible learning experience, and has lived in the humblest of circumstances with bug infestation in order to avail herself of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve in the privileged capacity of legislative intern for the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she is the recipient of several esteemed academic awards and honors, including: ThinkQuest International (first place in Math & Science), Cecil C. Humphreys Presidential Scholarship; Legend Queen Winner; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Navy ROTC Scholarship recipient, Craigmont Legend Outstanding Service Award, Senator Jim Kyle Essay Winner, Governor's School for the Arts Participant in *Technical Theatre*, and Knowledge Bowl participant; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has also been an active participant in the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, and the University of Memphis's Student Government Association, serving as a Senator and as Speaker Pro Tempore for 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, she learned the intricacies of the legislative process through her stellar participation in the Midwest Model United Nations, which she will serve as Assistant Secretary General in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Shelly has performed each of her assigned tasks with grace and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Elizabeth Shelly for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for success in her quest to become a state legislator or other elected official.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.